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## Viewing cable 09TRIPOLI59, SWISS AMBASSADOR: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA IS DEAD

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags `#cablegate` and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. `#09TRIPOLI59`.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">09TRIPOLI59</a>	2009-01-27 14:15	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Tripoli

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/libya-wikileaks/>

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RUEHZL/EUROPEAN POLITICAL COLLECTIVE  
RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO 1386  
RUEHTU/AMEMBASSY TUNIS 0741  
RUEHAS/AMEMBASSY ALGIERS 0873  
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RUEHTRO/AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI 4889  
  
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SUBJECT: SWISS AMBASSADOR: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA IS DEAD  
  
REF: A) 08 TRIPOLI 994, B) 08 TRIPOLI 592, C) 08 TRIPOLI 926, D) 08 TRIPOLI 851 TRIPOLI 00000059 001.2 OF 003  
  
CLASSIFIED BY: John T. Godfrey, PolEcon Chief. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)  
  
[1.](#) (C) Summary: Despite concluding a bilateral investigation into the events surrounding last July's arrest in Geneva of Hannibal al-Qadhafi, NO AGREEMENT ON FACTS OF THE CASE  
  
[12.](#) (C) Swiss Ambassador Daniel von Muralt (strictly protect) told the Ambassador on January 26 that a January 21-22 visit by a senior Swiss c  
[13.](#) (C) Insisting that the Libyans continued to misrepresent the basic facts of the case, von Muralt presented the Ambassador with a three-page WITH NO SENSE OF IRONY, LIBYA TAKES SWITZERLAND TO TASK ON RULE OF LAW  
  
[14.](#) (C) Libya now seems intent on slowing reconciliation on legal grounds. Bemused, but insulted that the GOL would doubt the TRIPOLI 0000005 SWISS GIVE A YARD, LIBYA DEMANDS A MILE  
  
[15.](#) (S/NF) Acknowledging that the Swiss diplomatic response and misperception of the Libyan playbook had exacerbated the situation, von Muralt PROGNOSIS: RELATIONSHIP "DEAD" OR ON LIFE SUPPORT?  
  
[16.](#) (C) Von Muralt was not hopeful that the two sides could find a way forward, calling the diplomatic relationship "dead" and saying it was ne  
[17.](#) (C) With respect to the deadline for Swiss companies to cease operations in Libya and liquidate their assets fast approaching (it nominally WITH LITTLE LEVERAGE, SAIF MAY BE LAST HOPE  
  
[18.](#) (C) After six months of meeting Libya's demands, Switzerland has little leverage left with which to negotiate. According to von Muralt, Sw  
[19.](#) (C) Comment: Swiss diplomats here see the negative trajectory since last July as a product of Hannibal's misrepresentation of what actually CRETZ